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a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that the limited edition official postal stamp is a valid limited edition official postal stamp, the second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.--

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 as set forth below:

12.(Three Times Amended) A limited edition official postal stamp comprising:

E3 a first indicia identifying said limited edition official postal stamp as being a limited edition, wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID that identifies said limited indicia stamp as being one out of a predetermined number;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition official postal stamp is a valid limited edition official postal stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

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14.(Twice Amended) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 12 wherein said first indicia is visible.

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18.(Twice Amended) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 12 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when viewed under UV or infrared light.

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19.(Once Amended) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 12 wherein a third indicia is provided for identifying a printer or a location where said limited edition official postal stamp was printed.

20.(Once Amended) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 19 wherein said third indicia is not visible under normal viewing conditions.

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21.(Once Amended) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 20 wherein said third indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

22.(Once Amended) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 21 wherein said third indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when viewed under UV or infrared light.

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23.(Three Times Amended) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamp, each stamp comprising:

a first indicia identifying said limited edition official postal stamp as being a limited edition, wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID that identifies said limited indicia stamp as being one out of a predetermined number;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition official postal stamp is a valid limited edition official postal stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

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25.(Twice Amended) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 23 wherein said first indicia is visible.

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29.(Three Times Amended) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 23 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when viewed under UV or infrared light.

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30.(Once Amended) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 23 wherein a third indicia is provided for identifying a printer or a location where said limited edition official postal stamp was printed.

31.(Once Amended) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 30 wherein said third indicia is not visible under normal viewing conditions.

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32.(Once Amended) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 31 wherein said third indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

33.(Once Amended) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 32 wherein said third indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when viewed under UV or infrared light.

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34.(Once Amended) A limited edition official postal stamp comprising:

a first indicia identifying said limited edition official postal stamp as being a limited edition, wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition official postal stamp is a valid limited edition official postal stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.
